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1. EMBASSY ASSUMES PROPOSED VISIT IS ONE OF THOSE ROUTINELY PAID BY COMMITTEE OF 24 MISSIONS. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING FURTHER INFORMATION ON MISSION, ESPECIALLY TIMING, ATTITUDE WITH WHICH MISSION MEMBERS LIKELY TO APPROACH THEIR TASK, USE TO BE MADE OF THEIR FINDINGS.

2. COMMENT: IF MEMBERS OF VISITING MISSION CONCEIVE OF MONTSEERRAT AS TERRITORY OPPRESSED BY COLONIAL RULE AND EXPECT TO BE WELCOMED AS AGENTS OF LIBERATION FROM SUCH RULE, THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE SORELY DISAPPOINTED. PRESENT STATUS OF TERRITORY ENJOYS SUPPORT OF OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF ISLAND'S POPULATION. NOT ONLY IS THERE NO SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE, SOONER OR LATER, THERE IS NONE IN FAVOR OF HIGHER DEGREE OF INTERNAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SUCH AS WEST INDIES ASSOCIATED STATES NOW ENJOY.
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